

FMCSA Systems Release Notice

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The following updates to the FMCSA Portal were released on Sunday, May 23, 2010. This release is primarily focused on fixing and enabling the Revocation process (Failed Safety Audit and Expedited Action, fixing New Entrant Management and Assignment functionality, and ensuring the Portal is correctly monitoring New Entrant carriers and appropriately triggering the Failed Safety Audit and Expedited Action revocation processes).

A general listing of the application fixes is below. For additional details or if you have questions, please contact the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) Technical Support team at 617.494.3003 or FMCTechSup@dot.gov.

1) Application fixes

- An issue with data synchronization between the Portal and the Motor Carrier Management Information System (MCMIS) has been resolved. Carriers that appear as revoked in the Portal now also appear as revoked in MCMIS.
- An issue where some Failed Safety Audit letters were generated incorrectly has been resolved, including where the Portal was incorrectly generating Safety Audit letters for the old New Entrant program.
- In most cases, the display of duplicate assignment records has been resolved. Although not all issues related to duplicate assignment records being displayed have been resolved, users should note that once an assignment is made for one of the duplicates, the same action is correctly applied to the others.
- The synchronization of assignments recorded in both MCMIS and the Portal has been improved.
- The View Assignments functionality now returns results correctly.
- Planned Revocation Date data for New Entrant carriers in the Portal is now synchronized with Planned Revocation Date data in MCMIS.
- New Entrant Carriers with unresolved Expedited Actions (EA) are now revoked properly.
- The date now clears when an assignment is removed. Note: users must exit back to "Search" step in order for the system-calculated default date to be re-associated with the assignment record.
- All carriers are now consistently given 60 or 45 days to submit Corrective Action Plans (CAPs) for Failed Safety Audits. Whether they are identified as an HM carrier or not is based on their MCMIS Census record. Some possible changes to this methodology will be addressed after the release.
- Letter dates for more than 1,200 New Entrant carriers in the Enterprise Database (EDB) were updated to match the dates of manually-generated letters in MCMIS.
- An issue where company violations were being reported as crashes has been corrected.
- An issue where users received an error message when updating their Portal role on My Profile for Enforcement Users has been resolved.
- Users can now re-assign the same companies after removing assignments as well as default the new assignment due dates to the previously designated due dates.

- The Monitor Authorized Upload (MAU) functionality has been updated so that it can be re-run for past dates in case anomalies in the system processing require it.
- Numerous infrastructure performance and reliability improvements have been implemented.
- An earlier issue with the Inspection Level Number not displaying on the Inspection List has been resolved.
- Data fields within the "Expedited Action Details" functionality now populate correctly.
- The "Colonia" column is now available for display in the Prioritization Lists. Note: the Colonia column must be selected (Right-click the column headings) in order for it to be displayed in the grid; it is not a default column.
- An earlier issue with the "Download List" functionality not capturing all columns on the prioritization list has been resolved as follows: Using the "Download List" button on the Make Assignments prioritization grid will capture the columns saved as the default layout by the user, regardless of which are visible to the user in the prioritization list grid. Using the new "Download All" button on the Make Assignments prioritization grid will capture all 68 columns available to the user, regardless of what is displayed in the grid.
- Portal errors will now be properly reported to users in Enforcement Account Management actions.
- Users are no longer prompted to select a State when using the View Assignment Summary Filter by Country functionality.
- An issue where error messages were incorrectly generated when Organization Coordinators (OCs) tried to remove a DataQs Role for themselves or other users has been resolved. The DataQs Role is now available after being removed and added again.
- The Portal now correctly saves Comprehensive Action Plan (CAP) Administrative Review Status in the database. The same functionality for Failed Safety Audits will be addressed in a subsequent release.
- An earlier error message that displayed when company users changed the USDOT# under Company My Profile Portal Role/ USDOT# has been resolved.
- Narrowing Canadian prioritization searches by state/province now correctly yields results.
- The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHSMA) connectivity for detecting and recording PHMSA incident information has been corrected.
- An inconsistent date format associated with New Entrant carrier records has been corrected, allowing New Entrant carrier records to now be retrieved properly by the Portal. The Portal now correctly identifies all New Entrant carriers for monitoring.
- Users can now change the status of a carrier from New Entrant to Registrant and have the status properly reflected in the Assignments lists. An issue still remains regarding properly recognizing and processing a carrier that leaves and then returns to the New Entrant program. A subsequent release will address this issue.
- An issue with the DataQs challenge functionality not being available and the user receiving a "No such Username" error message has been resolved.
- Changes have been made such that users will now see more descriptive error messages. The longer messages will help Technical Support identify the source of problems more easily.